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(b) the present stage of the proposal?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: (a) & (b) A proposal of the Malabar District Board to shift the headquarters of the Office of the District Health Officer, South Malabar from Palghat to Shoranur was not approved by Government recently.

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN: Sir, in view of the fact that Shoranur is a centrally located place in South Malabar and therefore that the Head of the office can reach any place whenever required, it is desirable to have the District Health Office at Shoranur. Will the Government therefore reconsider their decision?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: If the headquarters were shifted from Palghat to Shoranur as proposed, there may not be facilities for the District Medical Officer to meet other departmental officers frequently. It is for administrative convenience that the office should continue to be at Palghat.

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: If the difficulties with regard to treasury facilities are to be overcome, I think the office can be shifted to Ottappalam where there is a Sub-treasury. Will the Government reconsider their decision? It is nearer to the central place.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: No, Sir, the matter has been considered. Palghat is a very important centre in South Malabar. So it has been decided to have the headquarters continued there.

Amendment to Takkavi Manual.

* 2392 Q.—SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the State Government have recommended to Central Government to amend Takkavi Manual so as to enable the State Government to give loan to the ryots towards the purchase of milch cattle to improve the cattle wealth; and

(b) if so, what reply the Government have received from the Central Government?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: (a) No.

(b) Does not arise. The State Government have however issued orders authorising the grant of loans to bona fide cattle breeders for the purchase of breeding bulls. The loan to be granted to any single individual under this scheme is not to exceed Rs. 500 will bear interest at the concessional rate of 4½ per cent per annum and is recoverable in three annual instalments; and the bull has to be purchased from a State Dairy Farm.

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM: அம்மாதிரி பசு மாடுகள் வாங்குவதற்கென்று கடன் கொடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் உத்தரவு அனுப்பியிருக்கிறார்கள். அந்தக்கடன்களை எப்பொழுது கொடுக்கப்போகிறார்கள் என்பதை தெரிவிப்பார்களா ?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The scarcity is felt only in respect of stud bulls and especially in the cattle kingdom good stud bulls are not available. That is why we are encouraging stud bulls.

Irrigation channel for Panchamadevi-Villianur villages.

* 2393 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN (on behalf of Sri V. R. Nagarajan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the villagers of Panchamadevi-Villianur in Valavanur Firka in Villupuram taluk, presented a memorandum to the Government about three years ago, requesting the construction of a channel for irrigation purposes of this village branching off either from the Valavanur alangal direct or from the channel flowing into the Siruvanthadu Eri, and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : The villagers of Panchamadevi-Villianallur in Villupuram taluk presented a petition to the Government in December 1953 requesting the construction of a branch channel from the supply channel to Siruvanthadu eri for irrigation in their village. A report has been called for from the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) on this and it is awaited.

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : Sir, all the four questions Nos. 2394 to 2397 may be taken up together.

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Sir, all these questions relate to different subject-matters and require information to be elicited from the Hon. Minister concerned. So the questions may be put separately and answers given separately so that the Members can put supplementaries on each question.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister will read the answers separately for each question.

Laccadive Group of Islands.

* 2394 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any and if so, how many, courts with judicial officers possessing Law degrees in the whole of the Laccadive Group of Islands; and

(*b*) whether there are any courts of appeal presided over by legally trained judicial officers to deal with litigation from these islands?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (*a*) There are no such courts.